

The Vehicle Emissions Test:



Do we still need it?

**Representative Bill Cochran
wants to hear from you.**

DO YOU THINK we still need the Vehicle Emissions Testing program in Indiana?

Currently residents of Clark and Floyd Counties must have their vehicle checked for excessive pollutants every other year in order to renew their vehicle registration. These two counties are considered part of the Louisville metropolitan area, which conducts emissions tests to meet federal regulations for clean air standards.

The Kentucky Legislature recently acted to abolish the emissions testing program in Louisville and Jefferson County. The new Kentucky law will eliminate testing in Jefferson County in November, 2003 if the county is meeting federal clean air standards, as it does now. Since the Louisville area plans to halt its testing, I believe vehicle owners in Clark and Floyd Counties should also be able to forego the test.

I intend to ask members of the Indiana Legislative Council to create a summer study committee to examine the potential impact of getting rid of the program. The council, made up of House and Senate leadership, oversees legislative activities when the Indiana General Assembly is not in session.

By having the proposal studied by a committee this summer, lawmakers will be able to consider all the ramifications of eliminating the program. Vehicle emissions are only tested in two other counties in the State, Lake and Porter Counties in Northwest Indiana.

The study committee would evaluate the possibility of losing federal funding if Indiana discontinues the emissions testing program. The federal government has indicated that any state that fails to

conduct vehicle emissions tests as part of meeting the Environmental Protection Agency's clean air standards

could lose federal highway dollars. That would certainly be taken into consideration when studying the future of any testing program.

I believe a study committee can afford us the chance to see whether our area is in compliance with these standards and whether the emissions testing program has any quantitative impact on keeping our air clean.

Since the legislation passed in Kentucky does not actually take effect for more than 18 months, we will have time to adequately gauge what could happen if we abolish the testing requirement in Indiana.

***Should we abolish the
Vehicle Emissions Testing
program? Contact
Representative Cochran
with your view!***

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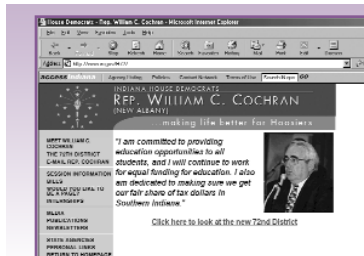
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